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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING: QATARI MINISTER OF FINANCE
AND PETROLEUM TO VISIT WASHINGTON; REQUEST FOR HIGH
LEVEL CONTACTS

1. DURING JUNE 21 FAREWELL CALL, QATARI MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM AND AMIR'S NO. 2 SON SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI INFORMED ME THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON FOR MEETINGS OF WORLD BANK AND IMF BEGINNING SEPT 26. ABDUL AZIZ SAID THAT HE WISHED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE TO MEET WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMEN-THAL, ENERGY COORDINATOR SCHLESINGER AND APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT. ABDUL AZIZ RECALLED THAT HE HAD MADE SIMILAR VISIT IN 1975 BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SEE SENIOR USG OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF TOO SHORT NOTICE. HE SAID HE WAS GIVING US 3 MONTHS NOTICE THIS TIME TO PRECLUDE THIS HAPPENING AGAIN.

2. IN ADDITION TO THESE CONTACTS, ABDUL AZIZ EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DURING VISIT HE COULD SIGN GENERAL UMBRELLA-TYPE ECONOMIC/
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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH U.S; SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH GOQ HAD CONCLUDED WITH FRANCE, UK AND OTHER COUNTRIES. HE RECALLED HE HAD PROPOSED THIS A NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE PAST.

3. IN RESPONSE, I POINTED OUT TO ABDUL AZIZ THAT PERIOD OF WORLD BANK/IMF MEETINGS WOULD BE VERY BUSY ONE IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD ENGAGE FULL ATTENTION OF MANY USG PRINCIPALS. I SUGGESTED

THAT HE PLAN TO GO EARLY OR STAY AFTER MEETINGS TO FACILITATE TASK OF LINING UP APPOINTMENTS, AND HE ALLOWED THAT THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. I STRESSED ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT THAT WE HAVE DEFINITE DATES FROM HIM SOONEST, AND HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE THESE. I CAUTIONED ABDUL AZIZ THAT WE COULD MAKE NO PROMISES, BUT WOULD DO OUR BEST TO ARRANGE USEFUL SCHEDULE FOR HIM.

4. COMMENT: ABDUL AZIZ FELT VERY MUCH SNUBBED IN 1975, AND HE HAS REMAINED ME OF THIS FREQUENTLY SINCE THEN. HE SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS (BUT REALLY DOESNT) NIGHTMARISH SCHEDULES OF THE USG PRINCIPALS HE WISHES TO SEE. HE BELIEVES THAT HIS STATUS AS A KEY CABINET OFFICER IN ARAB, OPEC, FINANCIAL SURPLUS COUNTRY WARRANTS ATTENTION OF HIGH LEVELS OF THE USG.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: I BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO REQUIT ABDUL AZIZ'S PERSISTENT DESIRE TO BE RECEIVED AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS OF USG. ALTHOUGH HE IS NO GREAT SHAKES (SORRY ABOUT THAT), HIS POINT THAT HE COMES FROM AN AREA OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST TO US IS VALID. WE CERTAINLY HAVE ENOUGH NOTICE TO LAY SOMETHING ON. I SUGGEST BRIEF COURTESY CALLS ON BLUMENTHAL, SCHLESINGER, UNDER SECY COOPER, AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN, AND NEA ASST SECY ATHERTON, WHO MIGHT OFFER EIGHTH FLOOR LUNCH. I REQUEST THAT SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES BE ARRANGED WITH TREASURY ASST SECY BERGSTEN, AID ASST ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER AND A RANKING OFFICIAL IN ENERGY HIERARCHY. RE ABDUL AZIZ'S DESIRE TO SIGN ECONOMIC TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, I DISCUSSED THIS WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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AID'S MARY HUNTINGTON WHEN SHE VISITED DOHA, AND SHE AGREED TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY--THIS NEED NOT BE MUCH MORE THAN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS SPECIFYING THAT OFFICIALS OF RESPECTIVE GOVTS WOULD MEET ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED CONTINUED: WE WILL OBTAIN SPECIFIC DATES FROM ABDUL AZIZ AS SOON AS WE CAN. IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD APPRECIATE ARP'S SOUNDING OUT POSSIBILITIES OF ARRANGING SCHEDULE OUTLINED ABOVE WITH ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS AND GIVING US PRELIMINARY REACTION. ARP MIGHT ALSO SUGGEST ACTUAL DATES OF VISIT, BEARING IN MIND TIMING OF BANK/IMF MEETINGS; WE COULD THEN PROPOSE THESE TO ABDUL AZIZ
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